GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:440
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DOWRY PROHIBITION ACT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT
Mandal Shri Sanat Kumar

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 and Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 are being misused;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to protect the suffering families?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) The Ministry of Women and Child Development has received representations alleging misuse of laws and legal provisions intended for protection of women.

(c) Adequate safeguards are already available under existing laws to deal with misuse, if any, of legal provisions of these Acts.